

U.S. Embassy Brasilia, Brazil Date: May 14, 2015

To: Prospective Offeror

Subject: Updated Solicitation number S BR250-15-R-0011 - Weekend and Holiday Media Summaries

The U.S. Embassy in Brasilia invites you to submit a quotation for **weekend and holiday media** summaries for the U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Brazil.

If you would like to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section 3 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it an electronic version of the quote via email to FigueiraPF@state.gov on the Standard Form 1449 that follows this letter. Quotations are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015. No quotations will be accepted after this time.

The Embassy intends to conduct a pre-proposal conference on May 13 at 10:00am at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia to clarify the requirements of and respond to any questions about the attached Request for Quotations (RFQ). Prospective offerors who wish to attend in person and/or participate via conference call in the conference must contact Paulo Figueira via e-mail, FigueiraPF@state.gov or via phone +55-61-3312-7201 to sign up to participate in the conference. The deadline for signing up to participate in the pre-proposal conference is Thursday, May 7 at 5:00pm Brasilia time. Requests to participate after that time will not be accepted.

The U.S. Government intends to award a contract/purchase order for the required service to the responsible contractor submitting an acceptable quotation at the best value price according to Section 4 of the Solicitation. We intend to award a contract/purchase order based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Direct any questions regarding this solicitation to the U.S. Embassy Brasilia's Contracting Office by email to Paulo Figueira, FigueiraPF@state.gov or by phone +55-61-3312-7201, during regular business hours (8am-5pm Brasilia time).

Sincerely

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Phillip C Hughey Contracting Officer

U.S. Embassy, Brasilia

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE CONTINUATION TO SF-1449 COVER PAGE, RFQ NUMBER PRICES BLOCK 23 & BLOCK 20

A. Price and Payment

A.1. Price and Scope of Services:

The Government will pay for services under this contract at a fixed rate per media summaries on weekends and Embassy holidays. This rate shall cover all costs associated with the preparation of the summary, including costs of purchasing the weekend and Embassy holiday print editions of the major daily magazines (*Correio Braziliense*, *O Estado de S. Paulo*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *O Globo*, and *Valor Economico*) and *Veja* magazine, and subscriptions to their online portals, translation requirements, including preparation of the translation, materials, overhead and profit needed to prepare the report. The Government will not pay any additional expenses.

The Government shall reimburse the Contractor on a monthly basis upon receiving the COR's approval.

A.1.1 PRICING FOR BASE YEAR:

The rate for this contract in REAIS shall be:

I. Weekend rate: estimated 52 weekends

| Estimated days | X | Day rate REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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II. Holiday rate: estimated 18 holidays

| Estimated days | X | Day rate REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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III. Cost of newspapers and magazine (print edition): Correio Braziliense, O Estado de S. Paulo, Folha de S. Paulo, O Globo, Valor Economico, Veja

| Estimated days | X | Total cost of 5 newspapers and 1 magazine/day REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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IV. Cost of newspapers and magazine (online subscription): *Correio Braziliense*, *O Estado de S. Paulo*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *O Globo*, *Valor Economico*, *Veja*

| Estimated days | X | Total cost of 5 dailies and 1 magazine/day REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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A.1.2 PRICING FOR FIRST OPTION YEAR:

I. Weekend rate: estimated 52 weekends

| Estimated days | X | Day rate REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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II. Holiday rate: estimated 19 holidays

| Estimated days | X | Day rate REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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III. Cost of weekend and Embassy holidays dailies and magazine (print editions): Correio Braziliense, O Estado de S. Paulo, Folha de S. Paulo, O Globo, Valor Economico, Veja

| Estimated days | X | Total cost of 5 newspapers and 1 magazine/day REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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IV. Cost of online subscription to the following outlets: *Correio Braziliense*, *O Estado de S. Paulo*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *O Globo*, *Valor Economico*, *Veja*

| Estimated days | X | Total cost of 5 dailies and 1 magazine/day REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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A.1.3 PRICING FOR SECOND OPTION YEAR:

I. Weekend rate: estimated 52 weekends

| Estimated days | X | Day rate REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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II. Holiday rate: estimated 18 holidays

| Estimated days | X | Day rate REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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III. Cost of weekend and Embassy holidays dailies and magazine (print editions newspapers and magazine): Correio Braziliense, O Estado de S. Paulo, Folha de S. Paulo, O Globo, Valor Economico, Veja

| Estimated days | X | Total cost of 5 newspapers and 1 magazine/day REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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IV. Cost of online subscription to the following media outlets: *Correio Braziliense*, *O Estado de S. Paulo*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *O Globo*, *Valor Economico*, *Veja*

| Estimated days | X | Total cost of 5 dailies and 1 magazine/day REAL | Ceiling Price REAL |
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Grand Total to include three years

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A.2 Payment

The Contractor shall submit an invoice for payment in the proper amount in REAIS to the following address:

GSO Procurement Office – U.S. Embassy Brasilia SES Qd. 801, Lt. 03, Av. das Nações, Asa Sul, Brasilia, DF 70403-900

Definitions:

"COR" means Contracting Officer's Representative; see FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items, in Section 2.

"Government" means the United States Government unless otherwise stated.

B. Statement of Work.

The Contractor shall perform the following translation services:

- 1. Shall review the weekend print editions of the papers and online portals on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as on official embassy holidays, of *Correio Braziliense*, *O Estado de S. Paulo*, *Folha de S. Paulo*, *O Globo*, and, *Valor Economico* daily newspapers and *Veja* magazine, and provide a media summary in English of the leading stories and commentaries of the day based on a list of topics provided by the Embassy.
- 2. The COR will provide the Contractor with a list of official embassy holidays, both Brazilian and American.
- 3. The contractor's media summary shall include the highlights from the front and leading pages of all the five dailies and the magazine, as well as any news from Brazilian outlets on the inside and editorial/commentary pages that reflect on the U.S. Government and/or that discuss the U.S. Mission in Brazil.
- 4. The work should not exceed 240 minutes per day.

- 5. The COR will make every effort to inform the Contractor ahead of time of any anticipated coverage of specific events/stories.
- 6. The Contractor will need to find a back up for his/her services in cases where he/she will be out of town, at least one week prior to the absence. The backup must be submitted to the COR at least one month prior to the requested absence and approved by the COR in advance.

D. Contractor Furnished Property

- 1. The Contractor shall perform all required duties at own premises and provide all the necessary equipment, stationary, communication tools, etc., needed to deliver the required services.
- 2. The Contractor shall be responsible to purchase the newspapers on Saturdays, Sundays and on official Embassy holidays, as well as to purchase online subscriptions, and provide invoices to the COR.
- 3. The Government shall reimburse the Contractor on a monthly basis the cost of newspapers and subscriptions.

E. Delivery

The Contractor shall deliver the summaries to the COR and/or designated people via electronic mail no later than 11:00 am.

E.1 Quality Assurance and Surveillance Plan (QASP). This plan is designed to provide an effective surveillance method to promote effective contractor performance. The QASP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor contractor performance, advise the contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to conduct quality assurance to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

| PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT | PERFORMANCE STANDARD | PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT |
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| | more than I valid complaint from the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) | Review complaint logs, review quality control activities and results, observation, and Government-conducted customer |

| | during a one-month period. | survey. |
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| Requirements: | Each summary report shall be accurately prepared and presented. 100% of the information gathered must be relevant and | Review records and reports, randomly verify testing procedures, observation, and detailed analysis. |

- E.1.1 SURVEILLANCE. The COR will receive and document all complaints from Government personnel regarding the services provided. If appropriate, the COR will send the complaints to the Contractor for corrective action.
- E.1.2 STANDARD. The performance standard is that the Government receives no more than one (1) customer complaint per month. The COR shall notify the Contracting Officer of the complaints so that the Contracting Officer may take appropriate action to enforce the inspection clause (FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items), if any of the services exceed the standard.

E.1.3 PROCEDURES.

- (a) If any Government personnel observe unacceptable services, either incomplete work or required services not being performed they should immediately contact the COR.
 - (b) The COR will complete appropriate documentation to record the complaint.
- (c) If the COR determines the complaint is invalid, the COR will advise the complainant. The COR will retain the annotated copy of the written complaint for his/her files.
- (d) If the COR determines the complaint is valid, the COR will inform the Contractor and give the Contractor additional time to correct the defect, if additional time is available. The COR shall determine how much time is reasonable.
- (e) The COR shall, as a minimum, orally notify the Contractor of any valid complaints.
- (f) If the Contractor disagrees with the complaint after investigation of the site and challenges the validity of the complaint, the Contractor will notify the COR. The COR will review the matter to determine the validity of the complaint.
- (g) The COR will consider complaints as resolved unless notified otherwise by the complainant.

(h) Repeat customer complaints are not permitted for any services. If a repeat customer complaint is received for the same deficiency during the service period, the COR will contact the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the Inspection clause.

G. Period of Performance

The period of performance is from the date of the Notice to proceed and to continue for 12 months with two one-year options for renewal.

SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

- FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS COMMERICAL ITEMS (MAY 2014), is incorporated by reference (see SF-1449, Block 27A)
- 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)
- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- (1) <u>52.222-50</u>, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (<u>22 U.S.C. 7104(g)</u>). Alternate I (Aug 2007) of <u>52.222-50</u> (<u>22 U.S.C. 7104(g)</u>).
- (2) <u>52.233-3</u>, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (<u>31 U.S.C. 3553</u>).
- (3) <u>52.233-4</u>, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004)"(Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (<u>19 U.S.C. 3805 note</u>)).
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

- __(1) <u>52.203-6</u>, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
- (2) <u>52.203-13</u>, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (<u>41</u> <u>U.S.C. 3509</u>)).
- (3) <u>52.203-15</u>, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (June 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)
- __ (4) <u>52.204-10</u>, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 109-282) (<u>31 U.S.C. 6101 note</u>).
- __(5) [Reserved].
- __ (6) <u>52.204-14</u>, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (Jan 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
- __ (7) <u>52.204-15</u>, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (Jan 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).
- (8) <u>52.209-6</u>, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Aug 2013) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).
- (9) <u>52.209-9</u>, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).
- __ (10) <u>52.209-10</u>, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (May 2012) (section 738 of Division C of Pub. L. 112-74, section 740 of Division C of Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Division D of Pub. L. 111-8, and section 745 of Division D of Pub. L. 110-161).
- __(11)(i) <u>52.219-3</u>, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

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(ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011) of <u>52.219-3</u>.
 (12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business
Concerns (Oct 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in
its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).
__ (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2011) of 52.219-4.
__ (13) [Reserved]
(14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011)
(15 U.S.C. 644).
(ii) Alternate I (Nov 2011).
__ (iii) Alternate II (Nov 2011).
 (15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003)
(15 U.S.C. 644).
(ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of <u>52.219-7</u>.
__ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.
  (16) <u>52.219-8</u>, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)
(2) and (3)).
  (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Oct 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)
(4)).
(ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
__ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
(iv) Alternate III (Oct 2014) of <u>52.219-9</u>.
__ (18) <u>52.219-13</u>, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (Nov 2011)(<u>15 U.S.C. 644(r)</u>).
__ (19) <u>52.219-14</u>, Limitations on Subcontracting (Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
 (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C.
637(d)(4)(F)(i).
   (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside
(Nov 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657 f).
   (22) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (Jul 2013)
(15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
  (23) <u>52.219-29</u>, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned
Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
   (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB)
Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
(25) <u>52.222-3</u>, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).
 (26) <u>52.222-19</u>, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Jan 2014)
(E.O. 13126).
(27) <u>52.222-21</u>, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
__ (28) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).
__ (29) <u>52.222-35</u>, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jul 2014)(<u>38 U.S.</u>C. 4212).
  (30) <u>52.222-36</u>, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014)
(29 U.S.C. 793).
__ (31) <u>52.222-37</u>, Employment Reports on Veterans (Jul 2014) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
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(32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations

__ (33) <u>52.222-54</u>, Employment Eligibility Verification (Aug 2013). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items

Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496).

- or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in <u>22.1803</u>.)
- __(34)(i) <u>52.223-9</u>, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA—Designated Items (May 2008) (<u>42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)</u>). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- __ (ii) Alternate I (May 2008) of <u>52.223-9</u> (<u>42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)</u>). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- __ (35)(i) <u>52.223-13</u>, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (Jun 2014) (E.O. 13423 and 13514).
- __ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of <u>52.223-13</u>.
- __ (36)(i) <u>52.223-14</u>, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (E.O. 13423 and 13514).
- __ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of <u>52.223-14</u>.
- __(37) <u>52.223-15</u>, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (Dec 2007) (<u>42</u> <u>U.S.C. 8259b</u>).
- __ (38)(i) <u>52.223-16</u>, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (Jun 2014) (E.O. 13423 and 13514).
- __ (ii) Alternate I (Jun 2014) of <u>52.223-16</u>.
- __ (39) <u>52.223-18</u>, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (Aug 2011) (E.O. 13513).
- __ (40) <u>52.225-1</u>, Buy American—Supplies (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 83</u>).
- __(41)(i) <u>52.225-3</u>, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 83</u>, <u>19 U.S.C. 3301</u> note, <u>19 U.S.C. 2112</u> note, <u>19 U.S.C. 3805</u> note, <u>19 U.S.C. 4001</u> note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43.
- __ (ii) Alternate I (May 2014) of <u>52.225-3</u>.
- __ (iii) Alternate II (May 2014) of <u>52.225-3</u>.
- (iv) Alternate III (May 2014) of 52.225-3.
- __ (42) <u>52.225-5</u>, Trade Agreements (Nov 2013) (<u>19 U.S.C. 2501</u>, *et seq.*, <u>19 U.S.C. 3301</u> note).
- __ (43) <u>52.225-13</u>, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
- __(44) <u>52.225-26</u>, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; <u>10 U.S.C. 2302 Note</u>).
- __(45) <u>52.226-4</u>, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- __ (46) <u>52.226-5</u>, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
- __ (47) <u>52.232-29</u>, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- (48) <u>52.232-30</u>, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
- __ (49) <u>52.232-33</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- __ (50) <u>52.232-34</u>, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

- (51) <u>52.232-36</u>, Payment by Third Party (May 2014) (<u>31 U.S.C. 3332</u>).
- __ (52) <u>52.239-1</u>, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (<u>5 U.S.C. 552a</u>).
- __ (53)(i) <u>52.247-64</u>, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (<u>46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b)</u> and <u>10 U.S.C. 2631</u>).
 - (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of <u>52.247-64</u>.
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

- __ (1) <u>52.222-41</u>, Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- __(2) <u>52.222-42</u>, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- __(3) <u>52.222-43</u>, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (May 2014) (<u>29 U.S.C. 206</u> and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- __ (4) <u>52.222-44</u>, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (May 2014) (<u>29 U.S.C. 206</u> and <u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- __(5) <u>52.222-51</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment— Requirements (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- (6) <u>52.222-53</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- __ (7) <u>52.222-17</u>, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014) (E.O.13495).
- __(8) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014) (<u>42 U.S.C. 1792</u>).
- (9) <u>52.237-11</u>, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (Sept 2008) (<u>31 U.S.C. 5112(p)</u> (<u>1)</u>).
- (d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records—Negotiation.
- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR <u>Subpart 4.7</u>, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in

- the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1) in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause—
 (i) 52,202,13. Contractor Code of Physiness Ethics and Conduct (Apr. 2010) (41 IJ S.C.)
- (i) <u>52.203-13</u>, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Apr 2010) (<u>41 U.S.C.</u> 3509).
- (ii) <u>52.219-8</u>, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Oct 2014) (<u>15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2)</u> and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$650,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include <u>52.219-8</u> in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
- (iii) <u>52.222-17</u>, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (May 2014) (E.O. 13495). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (l) of FAR clause <u>52.222-17</u>.
- (iv) <u>52.222-26</u>, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).
- (v) <u>52.222-35</u>, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (Jul 2014) (<u>38 U.S.C. 4212</u>).
- (vi) <u>52.222-36</u>, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (Jul 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (vii) <u>52.222-37</u>, Employment Reports on Veterans (Jul 2014) (<u>38 U.S.C. 4212</u>)
- (viii) <u>52.222-40</u>, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (Dec 2010) (E.O. 13496). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (f) of FAR clause <u>52.222-40</u>.
- (ix) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (May 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- (x) <u>52.222-50</u>, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (<u>22 U.S.C. 7104(g)</u>).

 ___Alternate I (Aug 2007) of <u>52.222-50</u> (<u>22 U.S.C. 7104(g)</u>).
- (xi) <u>52.222-51</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment-Requirements (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- (xii) <u>52.222-53</u>, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services-Requirements (May 2014) (<u>41 U.S.C. chapter 67</u>).
- (xiii) <u>52.222-54</u>, Employment Eligibility Verification (Aug 2013).
- (xiv) <u>52.225-26</u>, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).
- (xv) <u>52.226-6</u>, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (May 2014) (<u>42 U.S.C. 1792</u>). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (e) of FAR clause 52.226-6.
- (xvi) <u>52.247-64</u>, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (<u>46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b)</u> and <u>10 U.S.C. 2631</u>). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause <u>52.247-64</u>.
- (2) While not required, the contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual bligations.

(End of clause)

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at:

http://www.acquisition.gov/far/ or http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Department of State Acquisition Website at http://www.statebuy.state.gov to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an internet "search engine" (for example, Google, Yahoo, Excite) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses are incorporated by reference:

| <u>CLAUSE</u> | TITLE AND DATE |
|--------------------|--|
| 52.204-12 | DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM NUMBER MAINTENANCE (DEC 2012) |
| 52.204-13 2013) | SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE (JULY |
| 52.225-14 | INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT (FEB 2000) |
| 52.228-4 | WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND WAR-HAZARD INSURANCE OVERSEAS (APR 1984) |
| 52.228-5 | INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (JAN 1997) |
| 52.229-6 | FOREIGN FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS (FEB 2013) |
| 52.232-39 | UNENFORCEABILITY OF UNAUTHORIZED OBLIGATIONS (JUNE 2013) |

The following FAR clause(s) is/are provided in full text:

52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract.

52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT (MAR 2000)

- (a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within the performance period of the contract or within 30 days after funds for the option year become available, whichever is later.
- (b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.
- (c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 5 years.

52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond September 30 of the current calendar year, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

The following DOSAR clause(s) is/are provided in full text:

CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION (JULY 2008)

Contract performance may require contractor personnel to attend meetings with government personnel and the public, work within government offices, and/or utilize government email.

Contractor personnel must take the following actions to identify themselves as non-federal employees:

- 1) Use an email signature block that shows name, the office being supported and company affiliation (e.g. "John Smith, Office of Human Resources, ACME Corporation Support Contractor");
- 2) Clearly identify themselves and their contractor affiliation in meetings;
- 3) Identify their contractor affiliation in Departmental e-mail and phone listings whenever contractor personnel are included in those listings; and
- 4) Contractor personnel may not utilize Department of State logos or indicia on business cards.

(End of clause)

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

- (a) General. The Government shall pay the contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.
- (b) Invoice Submission. The contractor shall submit invoices in an original and to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items required by FAR 32.905(e).

| | (c) | Contractor Remittance Address. | The Government will | make payment to |
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| the c | ontractor | 's address stated on the cover page | e of this contract, unle | ss a separate |
| remit | tance ad | dress is shown below: | | |
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652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (APR 2004)

(a) The Department of State observes the following days* as holidays:

New Year's Day Martin Luther King's Birthday Washington's Birthday Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Columbus Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

*Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation.

- (b) When any such day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract. If the contractor's personnel work on a holiday, no form of holiday or other premium compensation will be reimbursed either as a direct or indirect cost, unless authorized pursuant to an overtime clause elsewhere in this contract.
- (c) When the Department of State grants administrative leave to its Government employees, assigned contractor personnel in Government facilities shall also be dismissed. However, the contractor agrees to continue to provide sufficient personnel to perform round-the-clock requirements of critical tasks already in operation or scheduled, and shall be guided by the instructions issued by the Contracting Officer or his/her duly authorized representative.
- (d) For fixed-price contracts, if services are not required or provided because the building is closed due to inclement weather, unanticipated holidays declared by the President, failure of Congress to appropriate funds, or similar reasons, deductions will be computed as follows:
- (1) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be equal to the per month contract price divided by 21 days per month.
- (2) The deduction rate in dollars per day will be multiplied by the number of days services are not required or provided.

If services are provided for portions of days, appropriate adjustment will be made by the Contracting Officer to ensure that the contractor is compensated for services provided.

(e) If administrative leave is granted to contractor personnel as a result of conditions stipulated in any "Excusable Delays" clause of this contract, it will be without loss to the contractor. The cost of salaries and wages to the contractor for the period of any such excused absence shall be a reimbursable item of direct cost hereunder for employees whose regular time is normally charged, and a reimbursable item of indirect cost for employees whose time is normally charged indirectly in accordance with the contractor's accounting policy.

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AUG 1999)

- (a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.
 - (b) The COR for this contract is **the PA Officer at post Brasilia.**

(End of clause)

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

- (a) The contractor warrants the following:
- (1) That is has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;
- (2) That is has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,
- (3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.
- (b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2012), IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A).

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

None

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

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http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html/ or http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm

These addresses are subject to change. IF the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet "search engine" (e.g., Yahoo, Infoseek, Alta Vista, etc.) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation solicitation provisions are incorporated by reference:

| <u>Clause</u> | <u>Title and Date</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 52.209-7 52.209-9 | Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (FEB 2012) Updates of Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (FEB 2012) |
| 52.214-34 | Submission of Offers in the English Language (APR 1991) |
| 52.225-25 | Prohibition on Contracting with Entities Engaging in |
| Certain Activities or Transact | tions Relating to Iran—Representation and Certifications. |
| (Dec 2012) | |

The following DOSAR provision(s) is/are provided in full text:

652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999) (DEVIATION)

- (a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting office for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: U.S. Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.
- (b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and postaward phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Mr. Christopher Lambert at Tel 55 61 3312-7022. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1693, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 900, SA-27, Washington, DC 20522-2712.

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

- The Government intends to award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose proposal represents the best value, as defined in FAR 2.101, after evaluation in accordance with the factors-outlined in the solicitation as well as at least one sample media summary from one day between April 27 and May 22, 2015 (offeror can opt to provide up to two sample summaries for two different days during the aforementioned time period; more than two sample summaries will not be reviewed). The sample summary (ies) should be attached to the proposal and submitted by the offeror as part of the final proposal. The quoter shall submit a completed solicitation, including Sections 1 and 4;
- The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price or that fail to include one sample media summary;
- The best value will be determined based on the sample summary (ies) submitted together with the other factors, including offered prices for services. The lowest price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in "Prices Continuation of SF-1449, block 23", and arriving at a grand total, including all options;
- The Government will determine acceptability by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFQ.
- The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:
 - 1. adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
 - 2. ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
 - 3. satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
 - 4. necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them:
 - 5. necessary equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them;
 - 6. be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION FACTORS FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

The following FAR provisions are provided in full text:

52.217-5 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Reserved.

END OF SOLICITATION